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Dear Ms. Gorman:

I write with regard to the more than 500 federal employees, both political appointees and civil servants, representing the Biden Administration who have signed an open letter demanding that the President “urgently demand a ceasefire.” This letter follows previous attempts of the Democratic National Committee (DNC), which was recently surrounded and nearly broken into by violent protestors of similar beliefs, and staffers of political campaigns for former Democratic presidential nominees.

Given the timeline with which the anonymous letter was sent and the known connections between administration staff and the president’s political allies, it is reasonable to suspect that these government employees could have coordinated the letter with partisan political actors and/or groups, such as the DNC, while on government time, using government resources. If this suspicion were to be true, it would constitute major violation of the Hatch Act, which places certain prohibitions on partisan political activities for federal employees while at work.

As Acting Special Counsel, your office is charged with investigating Hatch Act violations and ensuring that partisan political activities do not interfere with the work of the federal government. Therefore, I urge you to investigate any potential Hatch Act violations by the signers of the administration staff’s letter and to ensure that no official government resources were used to coordinate this letter with domestic and/or foreign political actors or entities making similar demands.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio  
U.S. Senator